

GIANT FOREST SHUTTLE ROUTES — through 9/3/07

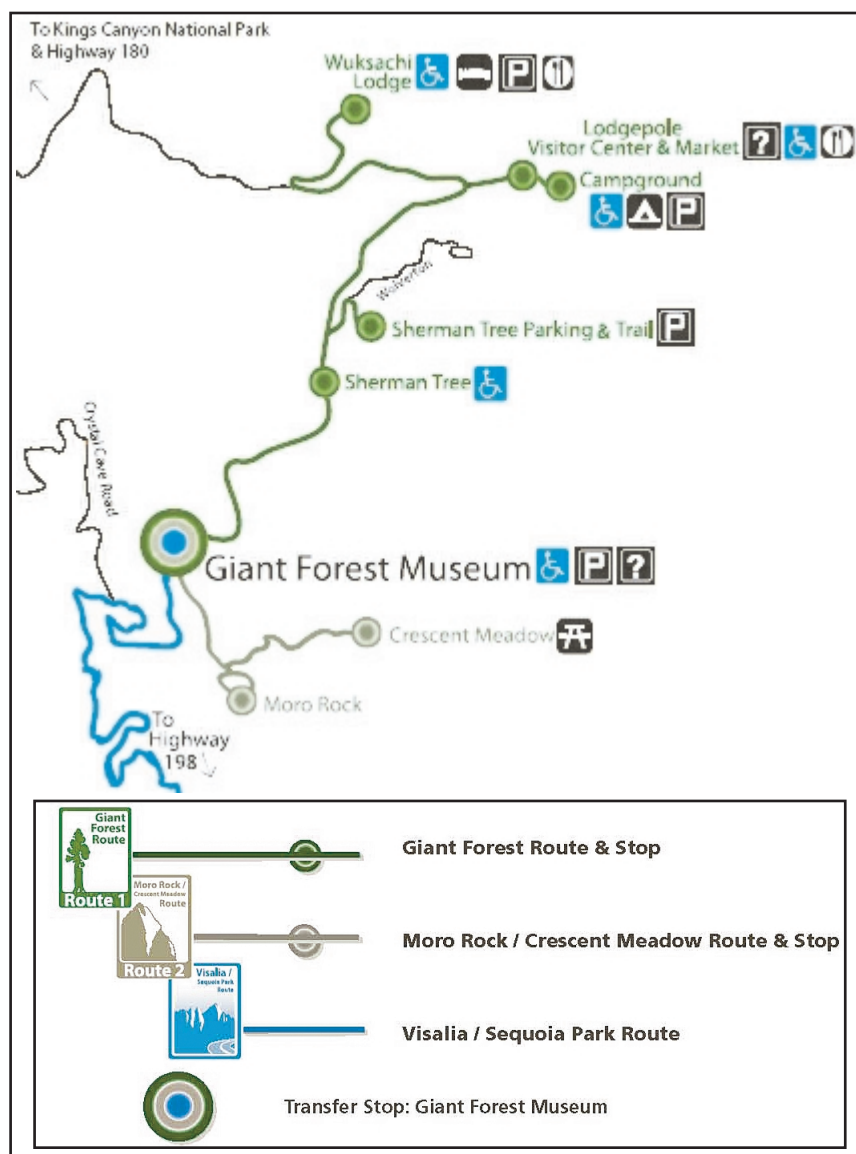
#1 GIANT FOREST ROUTE (green): Free. Runs on the Generals Highway from Giant Forest Museum to Lodgepole and back, stopping each way at the General Sherman Tree. About 25 minutes' ride one way. Every other northbound bus continues on to Wuksachi from Lodgepole. Buses depart most stops every 15-20 minutes.

STOPS	HEADING TO GIANT FOREST	HEADING TO WUKSACHI
• Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point	-	1st bus: 9:00 am Last bus: 6:00 pm
• Sherman Tree accessible trail Parking with disabled-placard only	1st bus: 9:21 am Last bus: 6:05 pm	1st bus: 9:07 am Last bus: 6:07 pm
• Sherman Tree Trail & Parking aka Upper Sherman	1st bus: 9:16 am Last bus: 6:00 pm	1st bus: 9:12 am Last bus: 6:12 pm
• Lodgepole Visitor Center & Market Lodgepole Campground (2 stops)	1st bus: 9:07 am Last bus: 5:37 pm	1st bus: 9:21 am Last bus: 6:21 pm
• Wuksachi Lodge & Restaurant Bus departs every 1/2 hour	1st bus: 9 am Last bus: 5:29 pm	-

#2 MORO ROCK / CRESCENT MEADOW ROUTE (gray): Free. Leaves Giant Forest Museum every 15 minutes or so for Moro Rock then Crescent Meadow. About 15 minutes' ride one way:

STOPS	HEADING TO CRESCENT MDW	HEADING TO GIANT FOREST
• Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point	1st bus: 9:00 am Last bus: 6:00 pm	-
• Moro Rock Description below.	1st bus: 9:07 am Last bus: 6:07 pm Last bus to connect to Wuksachi: 5:37 pm	-
• Crescent Meadow Description below.	-	1st bus: 9:13 am Last bus: 6:13 pm Last bus to connect to Wuksachi: 5:43 pm

GIANT FOREST-TO-VISALIA ROUTE - \$10. Make reservations via 1-877-BUS-HIKE (287-4453).



GIANT FOREST

Review safety tips on page 5. Take a map, warm clothes, sunglasses, and water. Orient yourself before heading out and tell someone where you are going. You are on your own in the woods — be safe and enjoy! Use the Sequoia Shuttle system to visit many of these sights (above).

GIANT FOREST MUSEUM is the best place to learn about sequoias. Shuttle stop.

BIG TREES TRAIL, 2/3 mile (1 km), has colorful trailside panels describing sequoia ecology. Start at Giant Forest Museum. A paved, accessible trail is available. Allow 1 hour round trip.

GENERAL SHERMAN TREE: MAIN TRAIL & PARKING Two miles (3.2 km) north of Giant Forest Museum (past the first Sherman Tree access which

is for those with disabled parking placards only), turn on Wolverton Road, then right to the parking lot. Walk down to the world's largest tree. From the tree, you can walk down to the shuttle stop below, and ride back to your car.

ACCESSIBLE TRAIL Shuttle stop and parking with disabled-parking placards only, for the Sherman Tree area. You need a permit to park there (ask at visitor centers if you need one) or, in summer, take the shuttle.

CONGRESS TRAIL: A fairly level 2-mile loop (3.2 km) through the heart of the grove. Begins at the Sherman Tree.

MORO ROCK / CRESCENT MEADOW This 3-mile (5 km), dead-end road begins at Giant Forest Museum. From 5/25 through 9/3, single vehicles more than 22 feet long

and those towing something are prohibited — except those with valid disabled-parking placards displayed. Highlights are:

MORO ROCK: A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile (.4 km) staircase to the summit (300 foot / 91 m elevation gain). A spectacular view of peaks and canyons. Two miles (3.2 km) from the Generals Highway. Shuttle stop.

TUNNEL LOG: A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through. The only "tree you can drive through" in these parks. A by-pass is available for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles (4.3 km) from the Museum.

CRESCENT MEADOW Summer wildflowers in a fragile meadow. Stay on designated trails; walk only on fallen logs into meadows. Try the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia, or the High Sierra Trail, which runs 71 miles (114 km) to Mt. Whitney (14,494 feet / 4417 m; highest peak in the lower 48 states). Shuttle stop.

NEARBY TRAILS

TOKOPAH FALLS: 1.7 miles (2.7 km) along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River, ending below granite cliffs and the waterfall. Be careful around the water! Start in Lodgepole Campground; 500 foot / 152 m elevation gain. Allow 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Shuttle stop at Lodgepole Campground.

THE FOOTHILLS

The Sierra's lower elevations offer more biological diversity — different kinds of plants and animals — than the conifer forests or highcountry. Watch for ticks and poison oak on foothills trails (see page 5 for tips).

HOSPITAL ROCK PICNIC AREA:

Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here and a very short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a waterfall. Be careful! Drownings often occur here. Also store food from bears.

MARBLE FALLS TRAIL climbs 3.9 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a lovely cascade. Park near site #14 at Potwisha Campground. Follow the dirt road across the concrete ditch. The trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

PARADISE CREEK: Park at Hospital Rock and walk to Buckeye Flat Campground. Follow the footpath across from site #26; cross the footbridge over the Middle Fork. The trail follows Paradise Creek, not the Middle Fork, for just over 1-1/2 mile (1.6 km) before growing faint.

MINERAL KING

A winding, narrow road (the parks' highest) to a beautiful sub-alpine valley. See page 8 for details on facilities, and ask at visitor centers for information about trails and road limitations.